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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

RURAL DISTRICT OF OAKHAM

1962.

By Ward, Justice and Council.

I have the honour to present my twenty-fourth Annual Report dealing with matters which are of importance regarding public health and preventive measures.

Area (in acres)

Population (estimated)

Number of inhabited houses

Estimated value

Not represented by a survey table

OAKHAM



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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDING

31st, DECEMBER, 1962.

1962 Births - Legitimate

Illegitimate

1962 Births - Legitimate

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Birth Rate

Death Rate

Infant Mortality Rate

per 1,000 live births.

Rate for District

Rate for England
and Wales.

23.4

9.7

12.3

18.0

11.9

20.7

OAKHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

1962.

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my twenty-fourth Annual Report dealing with matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine:-

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52,551
Registrar General's estimate of population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,350
Number of inhabited houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,762
Rateable Value	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..£	132,798
Sum represented by a penny rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..Estimated £	..	540

TYPE OF DISTRICT.

The Oakham Rural District which covers over half of the County of Rutland, is largely agricultural in character, but ironstone mining is carried out in some of the more northerly parishes. Two large Aerodromes have been built by the Air Ministry at Cottesmore and Edith Weston and there is a small R.A.F. Site in the parish of Greetham. One of H.M. Open Prisons is situated in the parish of Burley, about a mile to the north of Oakham. Except for a brewery at Langham there are no major industries, and by its geographical position with no large towns in close proximity, the District continues to retain its rural character undisturbed by urban development.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	127	112	239
Illegitimate	4	-	4
	<u>131</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>243</u>
Still Births- Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>Rate for District</u>	<u>Rate for England and Wales.</u>	
Birth Rate	23.6	18.0	
Death Rate	9.7	11.9	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.	12.3	20.7	

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping cough	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	5	3
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-
Diabetes	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	4
Coronary disease, angina	6	8
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-
Other heart disease	11	8
Other circulatory disease	1	3
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	4	4
Bronchitis	3	-
Other disease of respiratory system	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	3
Motor vehicle accidents	3	-
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	-	-
Homicide	-	-
	<u>50</u>	<u>40</u>

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health. John Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. Camb.

The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

Public Health Inspector. G.E. Wells, Royal Sanitary Institute, and Sanitary Inspector's Examination, Royal Sanitary Institute. Meat and Other Foods, & Certificates General Hygiene and Sanitary Engineering.

The Public Health Inspector is also the Surveyor of the Rural District.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following examinations from your area were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester :-

Nose and Throat Swabs	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Faeces and Urines	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Blood	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sputa	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Milks	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Waters	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>3</u>
							<u>44</u>

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1962.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever	7	-	-
Measles.	42	1	-
Pneumonia	4	-	1
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	1	-

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Under</u>	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and
	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	Over
Scarlet Fever	-	-	3	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	3	5	5	5	4	14	3	2	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

One new case of tuberculosis was notified as under:-

Age	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PREVALENCE OF AIR CONTROL OVER INFECTIONS AND
OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1962.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.										Cases Admitted Total to Hospital. Deaths.									
	Under 5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75	75-85	Over 85	Under 5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75	75-85	Over 85
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haemorrhagic Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply.

Number of Samples taken for analysis :-

(a) from wells	.. .. .	3
(b) from piped supply	.. .. .	-

Results from Samples taken :-

(a) from wells :-	Satisfactory	.. .. .	3
	Unsatisfactory	.. .. .	-
(b) from piped supply :-	Satisfactory	.. .. .	-
	Unsatisfactory	.. .. .	-

Number of wells :-

(a) closed	.. .. .	2
(b) cleansed, repairs etc.	.. .. .	-

Number of cases in which piped supply was provided 142

Number of Parishes with piped water supply :-

(a) from public mains	.. .. .	23
(b) from private reservoirs	.. .. .	3

Number of Parishes without a piped water supply 2

During the year one hundred and forty-two additional water connections to houses were made and piped water supplies are now available to practically the whole of the dwellings in the Rural District. Only two parishes with very few houses, namely Leighfield and Martinsthorpe are without public or private piped water supplies.

There are private piped water supplies to fifty-six properties at Barleythorpe, Egleton and Gunthorpe, and Cottesmore Aerodrome has its own water supply to four-hundred and nineteen houses.

Water is provided to over two thousand premises in the remaining twenty-three parishes from the mains of the Leicester City Corporation which acquired this Council's water undertaking in 1959. Existing supplies in the northerly parishes of the District have been augmented by the Corporation from its mains in adjoining Districts in case of emergency. The Leicester City Corporation has also taken over the responsibility of supplying water to the North Luffenham R.A.F. Station which includes a large number of properties in the parish of Edith Weston, and of providing a reserve supply for Cottesmore Aerodrome.

Water supplies in the District generally can be regarded as quite satisfactory in both quality and quantity. Analyses are made regularly by the staff of the Leicester City Water Department, and no case of plumbo-solvency has been reported.

Particulars of the various piped supplies, as required by the Ministry of Health, are as follows :-

WATER SUPPLIESOAKHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Name of Parishes :		No. of dwellings with Piped Water Supply.	Farm and Other Connections.
Ashwell	L	81	18
Barleythorpe	P (25) and L (16)	41	3
Barrow	L	22	11
Braunston	L	98	17
Brooke	L	3	5
Burley	L	75	34
Cottesmore	L	120	30
Edith Weston	L	310	11
Egleton	P	23	4
Empingham	L	177	21
Exton	L	208	44
Greetham	L	154	22
Gunthorpe	P	8	1
Hambleton	L	50	27
Horn	L	5	3
Langham	L	236	33
Leighfield	-	-	-
Lyndon	L	29	6
Manton	L	92	15
Market Overton	L	124	20
Martinsthorpe	-	-	-
Normanton	L	13	1
Stretton	L	28	11
Teigh	L	24	14
Thistleton	L	28	11
Tickencote	L	16	2
Whissendine	L	191	26
Whitwell	L	20	9
Cottesmore Aerodrome	A.M.	419	-
		<u>2595</u>	<u>399</u>

L. Leicester City Water Department Supply.

P. Private Piped Supply.

A.M. Air Ministry Supply.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area - continued.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Number of Cesspools constructed during the year.....Nil
Number of Cesspools abolished during the year..... 45
Total number on 31st December, 1962.....356

Attention was given and general repairs were carried out as necessary during 1962 to the existing village drains and sewers of the District. The modern sewers and sewage disposal plants already installed at Braunston, Market Overton, Exton, Langham, Cottesmore and Greetham, Empingham and Manton continued to function satisfactorily.

The work of constructing the new sewage disposal works at Whissendine was practically completed by the end of the year. Enlargement of the existing sewage disposal works at Cottesmore is still under consideration following notification from the Air Ministry of further development at the R.A.F. Station there in the near future. Contracts for the provision of new sewers at Edith Weston, Eggleton and Barleythorpe were accepted by the Council and also approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, and these works are to be commenced early in 1963. In addition to the preparation of plans for a new sewage system at Ashwell, the Consulting Engineers of the Council have under consideration the possibility of providing a sewerage system for the village of Stretton.

The Scheme for the sewerage of Hambleton has been deferred by the Council owing to the heavy cost likely to be involved due to the scattered nature of the various properties in the parish.

Once again, during 1962, many conversions of pail lavatories to water closets were carried out, as shown by the figures given below.

Closet Accommodation.

Total number in the District at the end of 1962 :-

Pail Closets	219
Water Closets.. .. .	2543

Number of closets converted to the water carriage system during the year :-

Pail Closets	124
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Number of privies converted to pail closets during the year -

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The Council's arrangements for fortnightly collections of refuse by direct labour from houses in the villages of the District and weekly collections at the Married Quarters of the R.A.F. Stations at Cottesmore and Edith Weston were again carried out without interruption during the course of 1962, and very few complaints in connection with this service were lodged.

Tipping is still being carried out in disused ironstone railway cuttings at Cottesmore and Barrow and on a site adjoining the Lyndon Road at Manton; use is also being made for this purpose of an old ironstone quarry at Empingham. There was again a considerable reduction in the number of night-soil pans in use at houses following the conversion of many pail-closets to water-lavatories, and this number is being still further reduced.

Collections of night-soil have again been carried out by direct labour in most of the unsewered parishes of the District, and the Council also arranged for the emptying by Contractors of the village septic tank at Ashwell in addition to several situated on its housing sites.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including those given elsewhere in this report.

Total number of complaints received 382
 Total number of defects or nuisances discovered 359

<u>Nature of Inspections</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Re-visits</u>
Dwelling Houses.	709	982
Tents, Vans Etc.	25	64
Slaughter Houses.	3	161
Dairies and Cowsheds.	1	16
Offensive Trades.	-	-
Animal Keeping.	8	12
Workshops, Etc.	28	77
Shops.	28	70
Other premises.	294	434
	<u>1096</u>	<u>1816</u>

The Public Health Inspector made 1439 visits to the various parishes of the District. In addition 3 visits were made outside the District.

Notice.

<u>Preliminary.</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Others.</u>
Outstanding 1st January.	1	-
Issued during the year.	327	32
Complied with during year.	328	32
Statutory action necessary.	17	1
Outstanding 31st December.	-	-

Statutory.

Outstanding 1st January	-	1
Issued during the year.	17	1
Complied with during year.	17	2
Statutory Action necessary.	-	-
Outstanding 31st December	-	-

Shops

28 Inspections and 70 re-visits were made to shops in the District during the year and action was taken in respect of the sanitary arrangements at three shops.

Camping Sites.

Number of sites in the area used for camping purposes during the year 27

Number of camping sites for which licences have been issued 25

Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area during Summer months 400

<u>Regulated Buildings</u>	<u>Number in District</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	149	89

The figures shown under Camping Sites above do not include caravans or other temporary dwellings used on the local Aerodromes which are subject to the direct control of the Government Department concerned.

Further applications by owners of caravan sites for licences under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 were considered by the Council during 1962, and where the necessary permission had already been obtained from the Town and Country Planning Department of the Rutland County Council for these sites to be used for camping purposes, licences setting out the sanitary arrangements to be provided there were issued.

Apart from considerable groups of vans at one of the R.A.F. Stations, the only large caravan encampment authorised here is at Langham, used chiefly during the summer months, but with some caravan-dwellings occupied during the whole of the year. Suitable sanitary accommodation and other facilities have been provided by the owner of the land to the satisfaction of the Council, and no complaints concerning the premises have been received from any of the occupants there.

In two cases where permits were not granted by the Town and Country Planning Authority, notification for the removal of these vans was given, and they have now left the District.

PESTS CONTROL

A Pests Control Officer is employed jointly by this and four other nearby District Councils to deal with any infections of rats reported in the area, and this arrangement is still working quite satisfactorily.

HOUSING

Action under the Housing Acts during 1962 resulted in seventeen houses being closed as unfit and demolition orders served in respect of four of these premises.

During the course of the year payment of fifty-seven improvement grants under the Housing (Financial Provision) Act, 1958 and the House Purchase and Housing Acts, 1959 towards the costs of modernising private properties were approved subject to satisfactory completion of the works by the owners.

The total number of houses and bungalows owned by the Council at the end of 1962 was ~~three-hundred~~ and ninety-six, of which one hundred and nine were built prior to 1940.

The number of applicants for Council Houses on the Housing Register at the close of the year was one hundred and fifty-one of which twenty-seven were from persons living outside of the District, and twenty-three from tenants of Council Houses within the area who wished to exchange tenancies.

PROVISION OF NEW HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

During 1962, ten houses and thirteen bungalows for elderly persons were completed and let by the Council at Exton, Market Overton, Greetham and at the end of the year another three bungalows were in course of construction at Empingham.

Nine houses were built by private persons and two conversions of existing buildings to dwellings carried out during 1962. Approximately another one-hundred houses were constructed by the Air Ministry at the R.A.F. Station at Cottesmore where the Married Quarters are being considerably enlarged. The Ministry of Works also completed six more dwellings at H.M. Prison, Ashwell for the use of staff there.

The Council expect to commence the construction of another twenty-seven houses and bungalows shortly for which tenders have already been submitted and approved. Of these, six houses and four bungalows for elderly persons will be constructed in the parish of Market Overton, and the other twelve houses and five bungalows are to be built at Whissendine. The Council also have under consideration the acquisition of additional sites for house building purposes in several other villages in the District.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Number of Dairies (not being Farm Premises) on Register	1
Number of inspections of premises	17
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year	-
Contraventions remedied during year	1
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st December	-

No ice cream is manufactured in this area for sale, but there are 25 premises on the Council's list from which pre-packed ice cream is sold.

Meat and other Foods.

Nineteen inspections were made of Meat Shops, Meat Stores, Etc., and thirty-one inspections and re-inspections of premises where food other than meat is kept or prepared for sale.

The usual method of disposing of condemned food in this District is by burning.

In Jan. 1962. In Dec. 1962.

Private Slaughter Houses :-

Number registered	-	-
Number licensed	3	3

MEAT INSPECTION.

It was possible under the arrangement regarding times of slaughtering made early in 1959 by the Council with the local butchers, to inspect most of the animals slaughtered in the District at times convenient to the Council. The standard of the meat inspected was still very good.

Three slaughterhouses were still in use in the District at the close of 1962, as alternative arrangements for future slaughtering elsewhere under the provisions of the Slaughterhouse Act of 1958 had not been finalised. It was originally intended that these three slaughterhouses should be closed on the 1st day of October, 1962, but an extension of the date until July 31st, 1963 was granted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in view of difficulties in completing works of alteration and improvement at slaughterhouses in nearby Districts where these butchers can slaughter later on. It has been made quite clear to the butchers concerned that this extension of time is purely of a temporary character.

	Beasts	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs.
Number Killed	169	891	360
Number Inspected	157	809	335
All Diseases except Tuberculosis			
(a) Whole Carcases condemned	-	-	-
(b) Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	5	3
(c) Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	1.21%	0.61%	0.89%
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>			
(a) Whole Carcases condemned	-	-	-
(b) Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-
(c) Percentage of number inspected with tuberculosis	-	-	-

	Beasts	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>			
(a) Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-
(b) Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-
(c) Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960.

A considerable number of inspections and re-inspections of shops under the above Regulations were made throughout the District during 1962, and it was found that the requirements relating to the handling of food were being observed in a satisfactory manner. Most of the shops in the District are quite small and, generally speaking, are very well maintained.

Alterations of the sanitary conveniences at some of these premises were carried out during 1962 following the installation of new sewerage systems in the villages concerned.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - Section 47 - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

I am pleased to report that no legal action was necessary during 1962 to secure the removal of persons to suitable Homes under the Section 47 of the National Assistance Act. Investigations were, however, carried out in several cases where elderly persons were known to be living in difficult circumstances. In one particular instance, a man was found to be living alone in unsatisfactory conditions at an isolated cottage which badly needed repair, but he would not accept the offer of removal to the County Home for Aged persons at the time of my visit. Shortly afterwards, however, he agreed to leave to receive treatment as an in-patient at one of the local Hospitals, and the cottage has since been closed for further habitation.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,

JOHN YOUNG

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

APPENDIX

Factories Act, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	No. on Reg- ister. (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions. (3)	Written Notices. (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sec- tions 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Loc- al Authorities	1	5	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec- tion 7 is enforced by the Local Authority..	4	12	-	-
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out-workers' Premises)	23	88	6	-
Total ..	28	105	6	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found :-

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspec- tor. (4)	by H.M. Inspec- tor. (5)	Number of cases in which pro- secutions were in- stituted. (6)
Want of Cleanli- ness (S.1.)	1	1	-	-	-
Sanitary Conven- iences (S.7.) (b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	4	4	-	-	-
Total	6	6	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

Outwork
(Section 133 and 134)

Nature of Work.	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2).	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council.	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel Making etc.	34	-	-	-	-	-
Lace, lace curtains and nets.	2	-	-	-	-	-
Artificial flowers.	3	-	-	-	-	-
Carding, etc. of buttons, etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	40	-	-	-	-	-

